

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours from the hours of 6 p.m. Thursday, July 26 until 2 a.m. Friday, July 27 in the Kotzebue District.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited capacity or airline schedules.

Catch during last night's 8-hour fishing period was 2,160 chum salmon caught by 19 permit holders. Weather again affected last night's fishing effort with the lowest participation by permit holders since the first two opening periods the second week of July.

The Kobuk River test fish catch at Kiana continues to be average indicating sufficient escapement into the Kobuk River drainage.

Continuing with short duration openings should not jeopardize escapement and allow for subsistence fishing opportunity.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.